

RUSHVILLE CITY UNSAFE HEARING BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2005
5:00 P.M.

The Unsafe Hearing Board met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., with Gary Cameron and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Chris Fields entered the meeting after the roll was called. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Scott Murray, WKWH, and Starr Shuppert, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the May 3, 2005 meeting were presented for approval. Pavey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

None.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

Jack Hill questioned an article in the newspaper stating that water lines were the homeowner's responsibility from the center of the street to the home. Bridges said he would check the information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Hire Code Compliance Enforcement Officer – Bridges recommended to the Board to hire Jack Harmon. Fields made a motion to hire Harmon as the Code Compliance Enforcement Officer. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wilkinson Building – A letter was received from Wilkinson stating that he has an architectural salvage company removing items from the building. He is also checking on demolition and trying to get financing.

Pavey said that the Board needs to remain consistent on their requests. He said they need to have a schedule or target date and Wilkinson be required to attend the next meeting with this information.

Cameron said there should have been a plan of action within 30 days.

Bridges said the gas has not been disconnected.

Pavey made a motion to draft a letter to Wilkinson requesting them to attend the next meeting with a plan of action. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

123 East 1st Street/Herdrich – Clark stated that the gas company is removing the gas lines and Herdrich does have a contractor for the demolition.

Cameron made a motion to notify Herdrich that he has 14 days to complete the demolition if not completed within the 14 day time period he will be fined \$25.00 per day. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Durbin Apartments – Clark said the repair work has begun on the building. They found it to be a bigger job than they anticipated.

435 North Sexton/Letha Doll – Notice has been sent to both Doll and the bank. Doll has not received notice as of today's date. The shed is in poor condition and is leaning.

517 West Water/Imogene Howell – Notice has been sent, but not received. Clark stated it was his opinion that the roof was beyond repair. Jack Hill said he believed that Howell was in the nursing home. Fields said that she should still receive notice or her guardian or power of attorney should receive it.

102 ½ East 7th Street/John McCane – An order has been sent to repair the roof.

323 West 9th Street – Received a complaint that the garage is not secure and the roof is about to collapse. A letter has been sent. Clark said he has talked to the owner and he has agreed to take care of the problem. Clark said the owner has complied in the past.

635 West 5th Street/Michael Hundley – The building is not secure and the roof is in disrepair. Notice has been received.

803 West 7th Street/Charles Ryan – Received word from Ryan's son stating that he will fix the garage and if he can't repair it, he will tear it down.

607 North Perkins Street/Steed – Clark has sent a 14-day notice to finish cleaning up the debris. Cameron made a motion to allow 2 weeks to clean up the property and if not completed in that time to assess a fine of \$25.00 per day. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

603 West Water/Ketchum – Clark sent a 14-day notice. Cameron made a motion to allow 2 weeks to clean up the property and if not completed in that time to assess a fine of \$25.00 per day. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bennett stated that if they are paying a contractor then the debris could not be taken to our landfill.

424 North Harrison Street – Clark said the windows are still not in.

Conrad Harcourt Way – Fields said the grass is about 12-16 inches tall. Bennett said he had a farmer wanting to bale it.

There was no further business to come before the Board, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Fields seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

GARY CAMERON, MEMBER

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER